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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BITS AND PIECES FROM TANZANIA

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1. JUDGING FROM NEWSPAPERS AND INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, OBASANJO'S FOCUS ON HOW WE PROPOSE TO GET RID OF SMITH (REFTEL) IS BEGINNING TO BE REFLECTED IN DAR ES SALAAM ALSO, TOGETHER WITH QUESTION OF JUST WHAT WE NOW NEED TO DO IN UN.

2. AS OF MOMENT, ONLY POSSIBLE CLUE TO FUTURE WHICH HAS EMERGED HERE MAY LIE IN CONVERSATION OVER WEEKEND BETWEEN TANZANIAN UN AMBASSADOR SALIM SALIM AND LONDON OBSERVER CORRESPONDENT DAVID MARTIN WHICH LATTER PASSED ON TO ME MORNING SEPT. 6.
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3. ACCORDING TO MARTIN, SALIM'S THINKING IS AS FOLLOWS:
CURRENT AFRICAN MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL ARE "LIGHT WEIGHTS" (MAURITIUS, BENIN, LIBYA). THEY WILL TAKE THEIR GUIDANCE FROM PATRIOTIC FRONT AND FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS IN THAT ORDER. SALIM'S ESTIMATE IS THAT AFRICANS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE WILLING TO SUPPORT APPOINTMENT OF UN SPECIAL REP AND UN FORCE

UNTIL SMITH IS OUT. THEREFORE, BALL MAY END UP BACK AGAIN IN
US-UK COURT.

4. ONE OTHER SIDELIGHT. CHINESE CHARGE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY
APPROACHED ME AT LARGE SOCIAL EVENT EVENING SEPTEMBER 3 TO
INQUIRE ABOUT US-UK PROPOSALS AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT WE WERE
GOING TO DO NEXT. I REPLIED I EXPECTED PROPOSALS WOULD GO TO UN
AND I HOPED CHINA WOULD BE HELPFUL. HE ASKED WHY I THOUGHT CHINA
COULD BE HELPFUL. I SAID BECUASE A LOT OF AFRICANS TRUSTED CHINA
MORE THAN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES. HE WENT AWAY PLEASED AND
GIGGLING.
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